Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended)   Method for providing and for billing ~~WIM~~ for functionalities of a wireless identification module WIM in electronic transactions using mobile communication terminals, in which an identification and signature of a subscriber takes place via WIM, characterized in that

an internal counter is installed in the WIM ~~internally,~~ which counts each signature initiated by the subscriber, whereby the signature function~~ality~~ of the WIM is blocked when a predetermined number of signatures has been performed.

Claim 2. (original)   Method in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that a release / reloading of the counter is set at a predetermined value and the signature functionality is thereby released again for a predetermined number of signatures.

Claim 3. (currently amended)   Method in accordance with ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~claim 1, characterized in that a fee for the performed signatures is charged to the subscriber upon each release / reloading.

Claim 4. (currently amended)   Method in accordance with ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the release / reloading of the signature functionality takes place via the air interface of the mobile communication network.

Claim 5. (currently amended)   Method in accordance with ~~one of the aforementioned claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the release / reloading takes place via one of the release servers connected to the mobile communication network.

Claim 6. (new)   Method in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that a fee for the performed signatures is charged to the subscriber upon each release / reloading.

Claim 7. (new)   Method in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that the release / reloading of the signature functionality takes place via the air interface of the mobile communication network.
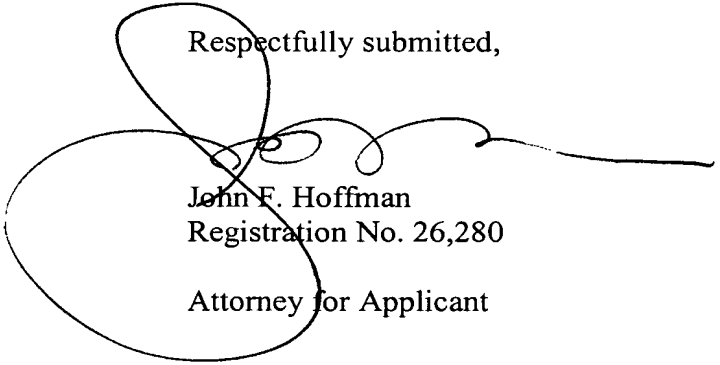
Claim 8. (new)   Method in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that the release / reloading of the signature functionality takes place via the air interface of the mobile communication network.

Claim 9. (new)   Method in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that the release / reloading takes place via one of the release servers connected to the mobile communication network.

Claim 10. (new)   Method in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that the release / reloading takes place via one of the release servers connected to the mobile communication network.

Claim 11. (new)   Method in accordance with claim 4, characterized in that the release / reloading takes place via one of the release servers connected to the mobile communication network.

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